The last Newsletter for the year has come. Christmas parties have finished and we have said farewell to our Year 6 and an introduction of our new Kindergartens for big school. It has been a busy and successful year. Highlights of 2016 include:

- Being supported in Literacy and Numeracy through the Early Action for Success programme. Your children have benefitted from this because all teachers have had a chance to really look at the nitty gritty of teaching English and the children themselves are beginning to look at what has to happen for their new learning.
- All staff having trained through the Towards Early Numeracy programme [TEN]. Your children have benefitted from this because there has been a greater emphasis in classes around activities/ games that concentrate on basic understandings [eg “Friends of 10”].
- Maintaining SLSO’s in each classroom. Your children have benefitted from this by having an extra person in the room to ask for help or to simply just talk to or read to.
- Spaghetti Social Circus. Your children have benefitted from this in the fact they not only gained confidence in new skills but also learnt the power of “trying”, cooperating and having a go at new things.
- Extracurricular Sports activities. Your children have benefitted from this by exploring new skills and talents they may not have realised yet.
- Our school Music programme has been reinvigorated. Your children have benefitted from this through hands on work and exposure to music, which is a basic drive and skill that lies in all of us.

...and more importantly than perhaps most,
- Having every child’s wellbeing in the care of ALL the staff – teaching and non-teaching- during the hours they are at school [and beyond too at times]. We all know how key this is in every child’s life.

Thank you to all the staff here at school for being not only part of these projects but for the everyday, all day work that has been done in 2015. In 2016 we have no staff leaving and will also have Mr Schofield here as an extra entitlement staff member for the year.

Now we must give a huge thank you to all those parents who have been on call for help through the year – with driving, working here at school at events or just simply turning up for meetings. Thanks for handing over your beautiful kids through the days and we look forward to a great year in 2016. Personally I have loved being an “off campus” member of Coraki town, through the highs and lows of the community.

Take care over the holidays, enjoy precious moments with your children and stay healthy.

CHILDREN RETURN ON THURSDAY JANUARY 27TH, TEACHERS RETURN WEDNESDAY 26TH.